Sri Anantheshwara - Chandramouleshwara Temple, Udupi, Karnataka

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Info is given under following headings: Location, address, phone number...etc., how to get there, greatness of this temple, history and legends connected to Pandavas staying here in exile and Bhima killing Bakasura, architecture, Main deity here and subdeities, daily poojas and rituals and their charges, special poojas, sevas and their charges, festivals, facilities for devotees such as accommodation etc,, donation info, bank acct numbers etc.., nearby Temples, nearby places of tourist interest, nearby budget hotels, .any other info...etc

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The Sri Anantheshwara - Chandramouleshwara Temple complex consists of two ancient adjacent Shiva temples in the heart of Udupi town, within the Sri Krishna Temple Complex area. Sri Anantheshwara Temple is the older and larger one, while Sri Chandramouleeshwara Temple is located right in front (slightly lower level) and is traditionally visited first.

Address:

Sri Anantheshwara Temple, Car Street, Sri Krishna Temple Complex, Thenkpete, Maruthi Veethika, Udupi, Karnataka - 576101.

Phone Number:
No dedicated phone widely listed; inquiries can be made at the nearby Udupi Sri Krishna

Matha office: 0820-2520598 or through Ashta Mathas (managed by Puttige Matha for Anantheshwara).

Website: No independent official website; information available via Udupi Krishna Matha portals or tourism sites.

How to Get There

By Road: Udupi is well-connected via NH-66. From Mangalore (60 km, 1.5 hours), frequent buses/taxis. From Bengaluru (400 km, 8 hours) via NH-75.

By Train: Udupi Railway Station (3-4 km from temple); direct trains from major cities. Autos/taxis available (10-15 min ride).

By Air: Mangalore International Airport (IXE) – 60 km (1.5 hours by cab/bus).

Local: The temple is centrally located near Krishna Matha; walkable within the complex. Best time: October-March (pleasant weather).

Greatness of This Temple, History and Legends

These twin temples are among the oldest in Tulu Nadu, predating the famous Udupi Sri Krishna Matha by centuries. Sri Anantheshwara (8th century CE, Alupa dynasty) is a swayambhu Linga shrine linked to Parashurama Kshetra – legend says King Rama Bhoja installed a silver pedestal (Rajata Peetha) to atone for sarpa dosha; Lord Shiva manifested as Linga on it, named Anantheshwara (Infinite Lord).

Sri Chandramouleshwara derives its name from Moon God (Chandra) performing penance here to rid a curse from Daksha; Shiva appeared, adorned with the moon (Chandramouleeshwara), giving the town its name "Udupi" (from "Udu-pa" meaning Lord of stars/moon).

Historical significance: Deeply connected to Sri Madhvacharya (founder of Dvaita philosophy, 13th century). His parents prayed here for a child; Madhva studied, taught disciples, and vanished while discoursing on Aitareya Upanishad (marked spot revered). Custom: Devotees visit Chandramouleshwara first, then Anantheshwara, before Sri Krishna darshan.

Managed under Madhva tradition; symbolizes evolution from Naga-Shaiva to Vaishnava worship.

Architecture

Sri Anantheshwara features classic Dravidian style with apsidal (Gajaprishta – elephant-back shaped) sanctum, stone carvings, and a silver pedestal for the Linga. Sri Chandramouleshwara is simpler, built slightly below ground level (possibly on an ancient lake bed), with serene ambiance. Both have intricate pillars, mandapas, and evoke ancient Tuluva heritage.

Main Deity Here and Subdeities

Main Deities:

Anantheshwara Temple: Lord Shiva as swayambhu Linga (Anantheshwara) on Rajata Peetha; uniquely linked to Parashurama worship in Linga form.

Chandramouleshwara Temple: Lord Shiva as Chandramouleeshwara Linga.

Subdeities: Minor shrines for Parvati, Ganesha, and parivara devatas; complex integrates with nearby Krishna Matha.

Daily Poojas and Rituals and Their Charges

Timings (approximate): 6:00 AM – 8:00/9:00 PM daily.

Rituals follow Madhva Sampradaya and Tantra Sara Sangraha: Multiple poojas including abhisheka, archana, naivedya. Free general darshan; nominal charges for personal rituals (Rs. 20–100 for archana/abhisheka; confirm at counter).

Special Poojas, Sevas and Their Charges

Special sevas are modest compared to Krishna Matha; include Rudrabhisheka, Maha Pooja. Charges nominal (Rs. 200–1,000); often sponsored via nearby Matha. Advance booking at temple office.

Festivals

Festivals align with Udupi Krishna Matha:

Paryaya Utsava (every 2 years, January) – Grand procession including these temples.
Maha Shivaratri – Special abhishekas.
Rathotsava – Chariot processions.
Other: Karthika month rituals, Makara Sankranti.

Facilities for Devotees Such as Accommodation etc.

Free parking near Krishna Matha complex.

Prasadam/annadana available via Krishna Matha.

No dedicated temple accommodation; use Krishna Matha guest houses or nearby lodges.

Donation Info, Bank Acct Numbers etc.

Donations accepted at hundi or through Ashta Mathas (support maintenance, annadana).

Contact Krishna Matha office for bank details/tax-exempt contributions

Nearby Temples

- Udupi Sri Krishna Matha (adjacent – must-visit).
- Anegudde Vinayaka Temple (30 km).
- Kollur Mookambika Temple (80 km).
- Pajaka Kshetra (Madhva birthplace, 13 km).

Nearby Places of Tourist Interest

- Malpe Beach & St. Mary's Island (8-10 km – boating, rocks).
- Kaup Beach & Lighthouse (25 km).

- Manipal Lake & End Point (10 km).
- Kudlu Teertha Falls (seasonal waterfall).

Nearby Budget Hotels

Udupi has abundant options near Krishna Matha (Rs. 800–2,000/night):

Hotel Sri Ram Residency (walking distance).

Hotel Udupi Residency / Paradise Isle Beach Resort (Malpe).

Budget lodges on Car Street (Rs. 500–1,000).

Any Other Info

Custom: Always visit Chandramouleeshwara → Anantheshwara → Krishna for complete blessings.

Dress code: Traditional (no shorts).

Serene spots for meditation; powerful energy reported

As of December 19, 2025, normal operations; check for Paryaya if visiting in January.
🙏 Om Namah Shivaya! May Lord Anantheshwara and Chandramouleeshwara bless you with infinite peace and wisdom.
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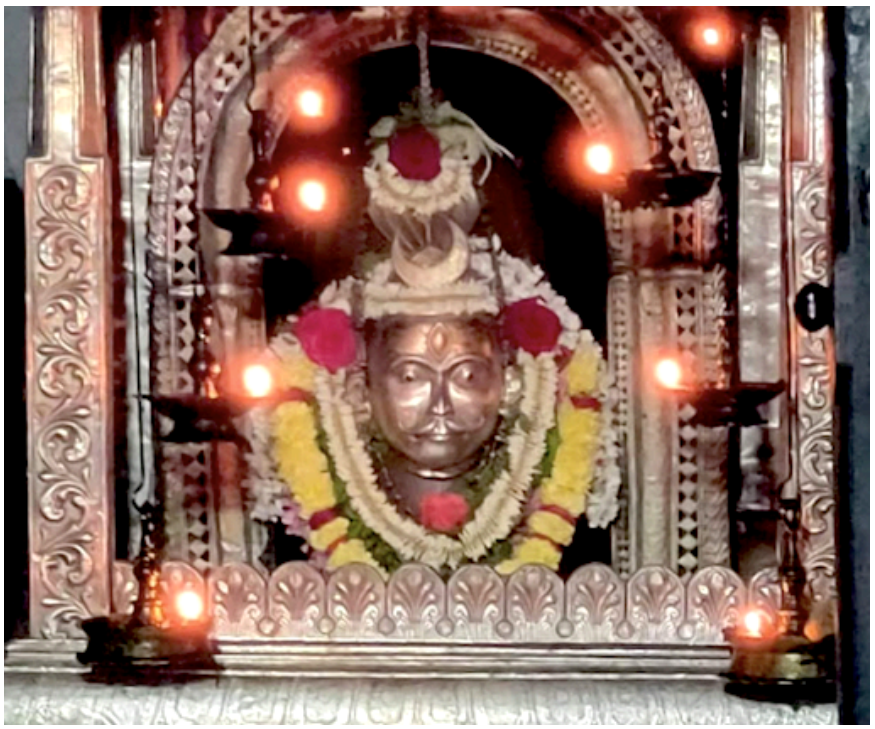
Photos

Anantheshwara Temple Udupi...

Chandramouleshwara Temple



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YouTube Videos

Chandramouleshwara Temple, Udupi (3 min):

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Udupi Anantheshwara Temple darshan (8 min):

https://youtu.be/4yaL8VkVsLI?si=Sz0KiZJOlNpZJBGx

Udupi Anantheshwara Temple Rathotsava - 2025 (5 min):

https://youtu.be/ktY6CaM9M_c?si=EPyeibNO4NDdrhJX

Udupi Anantheshwara Temple - Paruchays (8 min):

https://youtu.be/fWSS0YDiUag?si=YZuWfsEwDCsEeRgs

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